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## Winners of top student awards announced

Oakland University recently announced the 2003 recipients of its most prestigious student honors, the Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and the Human Relations Award.

Dennis O'Connor from Brandon, Mich., and Ashley McGhee from Burlington, Ontario, were awarded the Wilson awards. Meanwhile, Ashli Bobo from Huber Heights, Ohio, was awarded the Human Relations Award.

The Wilson awards are presented annually to an OU senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the university community. The award recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement, commitment to improving campus life and interest in the social problems of the community and society in general.

**Dennis O'Connor**, a biology major, has demonstrated academic achievement as an undergraduate researcher at Oakland University's Eye Research Institute. He served as corresponding secretary of Golden Key International Honour Society and received the 2002 Alumni Award Scholarship.

He also has demonstrated leadership abilities as a member of the Pre-Medical Society and served as a volunteer firefighter, fourth grade tutor in the Pontiac School District, and a basketball and football coach in the Synergy Works after-school program.

**Ashley McGhee**, a sociology major, has demonstrated academic excellence as a recipient of the Distinguished Undergraduate Award, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology Don Warren Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, the Provost's University Student Research Scholar Award, and the Athletic Department's Hollie Lee Lepley Female Student 2002 Athlete of the Year Award.

She has demonstrated leadership abilities as president of Oakland University's Student-Athlete Advisory Council, vice president of the Women's Issues Forum, editorial assistant of the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, research assistant in the Department of Sociology, and Mid-Continent Conference student-athlete national representative.

**Ashli Bobo**, a journalism major, has demonstrated leadership abilities and devotion to the university and the community through her participation to improve race relations and multi-cultural understanding as president of the Association of Black Students, Equity Peer Mentor and as an orientation group leader. She has served as a Student Life Lecture Board member, received the Trustee Academic Scholarship, and has volunteered at Focus Hope and the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

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